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Strangers are admitted to see the Asylum on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and THURSDAYS, from Eleven to Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon, and from Two to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

They are requested not to make any remarks upon the personal appearance of the Pupils in their hearing, or to offer money to any Pupil or Servant of the Institution.

Boxes are provided for receiving any Contributions to be distributed as rewards to the Pupils; also a Book for entering any Donation or Annual Subscription which Visitors may be disposed to give to the Institution.

The PUPILS assemble in the MUSIC ROOM every MONDAY AFTERNOON, at Three o'Clock, except during the Summer Vacation, between 25th June and 25th July, for the performance of SACRED MUSIC, to which Visitors are admitted.

FORM OF LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. the sum of Pounds, upon trust, that they pay the same to the Treasurer for the time being of a certain Charitable Institution in Bristol, called and known by the name of "The Bristol Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind:" which sum I charge upon my personal estate, and desire that it may be applied, under the direction of the Committee for the time being of the said Institution, to the charitable uses thereof.

Gifts, by will, of land, or of any charges on land, or of money or stock to be laid out in the purchase of land, for charitable uses, are void by the Statute of Mortmain, but money or stock may be given by will, if not directed to be laid out in land.

Every person contributing £10 at one time, or annually subscribing £1 ls (so long as such annual subscription continues), is a Member of the Institution.

Persons desirous of renting Pews or Sittings in the Chapel, may obtain every information at the Asylum.

Those who may be disposed to support this benevolent Institution are informed that Donations and Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer; by Stuckey's Banking Company: by any Member of the Committee; and at the Asylum, near Park Street, Bristol.

All Annual Subscriptions shall take date from the 1st January in each year, and shall be paid in advance.

The Public are respectfully informed that all descriptions of Basket Work of various sizes, Door Mats, Hearth and other Rugs of various colour and sizes, and Ornamental Kuitting, are constantly kept on sale, at moderate prices, at the Asylum.

BRISTOL ASYLUM,

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SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

INSTITUTED 1797-INCORPORATED 1832.

President.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD TEIGNMOUTH.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM HENRY HARFORD, JUN., Esq. COL. SAVILE.

Treasurer.

J. CHETWOOD AIKEN, Esq.

Committee.

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JOHN LONGMAN, Esq.
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JOHN PERRY, Esq.
SAMUEL WORSLEY, Esq.

Honorary Secretary—JOHN EXLEY, Esq., M.A.

Auditors—WM. JORDAN, Esq., and J. H. NASH, Esq.

Chaplain—Rev. ALFRED MEDLAND.

Honorary Physician—HENRY E. FRIPP, Esq., M.D. Honorary Surgeon—A. W. PRICHARD, Esq.

Matron-Mrs. STANLEY.

Assistant Secretary -Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR.
Superintendent of the Sale Room-Miss HARRIS,

BRISTOL, 4th May, 1877.

At the Genoral Annual Meeting of the Bristol Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind, bolden this day at the Asylum, Park Street,

The Right Rev. Bishop Anderson in the Chair,

The following Resolutions were passed :-

- 1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted, and that the same be printed and distributed under the direction of the Committee.
- 2. That the Right Hon. Lord Teignmouth be appointed President, William Henry Harford, Jun., Esq., and Col. Savile, be appointed Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year.
- 3. That J. Chetwood Aiken, Esq., be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that the thanks of the Meeting be presented to him for his valuable services for the past year.
- 4. That Wm. Jordan, Esq., and Joseph Haynes Nash, Esq., be appointed Auditors, and that the following Gentlemen form the Committee:—

H. T. Bridges, Esq.
Henry Brittan, Esq.
B. G. Burrougbs, Esq.
John Collie, Esq.
John Exley, Esq., M.A.
John Harvey, Jun., Esq.
A. N. Herapath, Esq.
John Averay Jones, Esq.
Samuel Jones, Esq.
William Jordan, Esq.
William Jordan, Esq.
Joseph H. Nash, Esq.
John Perry, Esq.
Samuel Worsley, Esq.

- 5. That the Rev. Alfred Medland be appointed Chaplain to this Asylum for the ensuing year.
- 6. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to Henry E. Fripp, Esq., M.D., Honorary Physician, A. W. Priehard, Esq., Honorary Surgeon, and John Exley, Esq., Honorary Secretary, for their valuable services during the past year.

Bishop ANDERSON, Chairman.

The Chairman having quitted the Chair, it was taken by Mr. Alderman Brittan, when it was resolved unanimously,

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to Bishop Anderson for his kindness in presiding on this occasion.

REPORT.

Comparatively little of special interest has occurred in the history of the pupils of this Asylum during the year ending with December, 1876. The number of male pupils was 17, and of female 19, at the commencement of the year. Five males and four females were admitted, and eight males and nine females left, thus closing the year with 14 male and 14 female pupils; there were also 10 out-door workers.

The general condition of the pupils has been a healthy one. Our valued medical attendant, Dr. Dew, has felt himself obliged, from press of other engagements, to retire from his office. Iu so doing he has the hearty thanks of the Committee for the kindly attention he always gave in cases of sickness.

He is succeeded by Mr. Arthur Prichard, whose name is well known through two generations, as also that of his maternal relative, Mr. Estlin, amongst the medical benefactors of this Asylum.

Mr. Prichard's services have been called for in two or three cases of unusual severity. He has revived a long discontinued eustom of the medical officer by giving us himself a report. Before reading it we will beg to say that the case of a buru, to which he alludes, appeared at first of a most serious character; also, that it received his unremitting attention, in which he tells us he was most efficiently supported by the Matron and her servant, who acted as nurse. The anxious days tided over most happily, and the patient is now nearly well.

The sale of articles manufactured by the pupils is in this year considerably in advance of that preceding. In the year ending with 1875 it amounted to £789 14s. 6d., and for the past year we have to report a receipt of £927 7s. 5d., showing an increase of £137 12s. 11d. in the value of the articles sold.

The pupils have not been forgotten by the musical profession: Miss Farler has remembered them as on many former occasions, and the Clifton Orchestral Society and the Bristol Festival Choir provided seats for them at their season concerts.

EXTRACT FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

In presenting my Report it will searcely be necessary to remind the Committee that the state of things during the past year has been of an exceptional nature as far as the Blind Asylum is concerned. The many changes in the working, the unusually large number of older pupils who have left, and the admission of many younger ones, have all tended to affect the general working and tone of the Iustitution. I hope and believe that the changes which have been made will tend to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of the pupils, and also to raise the character and increase greatly the efficiency of the Institution.

With these prefatory remarks the Committee will not be surprised to find that my report is not quite as satisfactory as in former years; there has been less read, and the spirit manifested at times by some of the pupils not altogether such as I could have wished; the number of senior pupils who have left has proportionably decreased the Communicants, and for the same reason the general attention and answering at the Wednesday Evening Catechetical Lecture has not been as good as formerly. As regards the examination, the female pupils were presented in two classes: the first consisting of six passed, with one exception, very fairly in the First Book of Kings; four out of the six read well, whilst one who had been in the Institution two years did so but imperfeetly. The second class consisted of seven, some of whom did tolerably well in the carlier chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, whilst two of them almost entirely failed both in answering and reading. I am, however, given to understand that there is a desire on the part of all to get on and do their best.

The boys were also presented in two classes. The first

consisting of seveu, with the exception of one who had been in the Institution but three months, passed a very creditable examination in the Gospel of St. John, and appear to be getting on very well with their reading. The second class, consisting of the youngest and dullest, numbered six; two of these appear to have but little capacity to learn auything, whilst it is hoped that the others in time will make more or less progress, according to the ability they possess.

The past year has been one of peculiar difficulty and trial; I trust, however, and helievo that, with God's blessing attending the alterations which have been effected, a brighter future is already beginning to dawn on the Institution.

A. MEDLAND, Chaplain.

Bristol, April 21, 1877.

MR. PRICHARD'S REPORT.

As for the last few years, I believe, there has been no medical report written of the pupils in the Asylum. I have examined the eyes of all that are inmates at the present time, and arranged them according to the cause of their hlindness.

There are now (May, 1877) 42 pupils, 20 males, and 22 females. Of these tho large number of 13 are blind from the purulent ophthalmia of very young children, a disease that, as has been mentioned several times before in these reports, is usually amenable to proper treatment. Six have lost their eves by aecident; in all of these one eye only was injured at first, the other heing afterwards sympathetically affected, often owing to the patient ueglecting to seek, or not following medical advice. Five are from small pox, three of whom were vacciuated, and two not; six became blind soon after suffering from other fevers than small pox. Four from constitutional weakness affecting the cornea; one from glaucoma; one through failure of au operation for the removal of cataracts; four from disease of the optic nerve, two of which were caused by blows on the head, and out by water on the brain; and two can give uo account of themselves beyond that they liad inflammation when young.

As regards the general health of the pupils during the past year, probably more has had to be done in the way of surgical treatment than usual. There have been several cases of whitlow, one of which, neglected during the patient's holiday, necessitated amputation of the finger. One of the girls is new getting well from a burn ou the hack and arms. One pupil has heen in the Infirmary for a considerable time, suffering from a skin disease of an obstinate character; besides which there have been a ununher of slight sore throats and other common maladies. With these exceptions the health of the inmates, especially of the men and hoys, has heen very good.

ARTHUR W. PRICHARD.

24, Vietoria Place, Clifton, April 19, 1877.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

I am pleased to he able to report a marked improvement in the music in this Institution since the last annual meeting.

The iustruction in instrumental music has been kept up, and one of the male pupils regularly officiates at the organ in the Chapel at the Sunday morning services, while several others are being gradually prepared for the same duty.

Owing to the changes which have taken place, and the comparatively small number of good voices amongst the pupils, much time and attention have of necessity heen devoted to the vocal music. The Monday afternoon concerts have heen continued without interruption, and have heen attended by steadily increasing andiences.

Notwithstanding the removal at Christmas last, at short notice, of the leading soprano and the female music teacher, the efficiency of the choir has been maintained, and even increased; and the female pupils deserve every commendation for the care and pains they have taken both with the Sunday services and the Monday concerts.

For the future I propose that as at present they shall do without a leader, so that the singing shall not depend upon any one individual voice.

I consider the musical progress of the past year as decidedly encouraging, and I look forward to being able to report a still greater improvement a twelve mouth hence.

April 20, 1877.

ALFRED STONE.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

J. Chetwood Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account Current with the said Asylum from 31st December, 1875, to 31st December, 1876.

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| To Balance from last year | | | | 287 | 19 | 5 | By Cash paid as under: | , d. E | 8. | Cl. |
| Cash received as under : | | | | | | | Wages to Out-door Pupils | 268 | 17 | 7 |
| For Baskets, Mats, Rugs, & Knitting | | | | 927 | 7 | 5 | ,, lustructors and Porters | | 18 | |
| Annual Subscriptions | | 272 | 17 0 | | | | ,, Officers' Salaries | | 11 | |
| Donations and Life Subscriptions | | 71 | 7 4 | | | | House Exponses | | 4 | |
| Dividend on the following Stocks:- | | - | | 344 | 4 | 4 | Cost of White and Brown Rods | | 8 1 | |
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| Less one year's Income Tax | 3 12 | | | | | | ,, Materials for lining Baskets, Basket Makers' | | | ı |
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| Cents., due October, 1876 | | 485 | 8 0 | | | | Advertising, Printing Reports, Account Books, | | | |
| One year on £874, 16s. 1d. Reduced | | | | | | | Stationery, &c | 28 | 12 1 | 1 |
| 3 per Cent., under the Will of the | | | | | | | Taxes | 23 | 18 | 0 |
| late Joseph Hughes, Esq., of this | | | | | | | Repairs and Alterations | 73 | 2 | 0 |
| City | | 26 | 4 10 | | | | Fire Insurance | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| One year on £11,547. 17s. 4d. New | | | | | | | Subscription to Bristol Infirmary | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 per Ceuts., due October, 1876 | | 346 | 8 8 | | | | Tuning Organs and Piano Fortes | 7 | 17 | 6 |
| Interest, per Stuckey & Co., on £900 | | | 15 0 | | | | Incidental Expenses | 56 | 19 | 6 |
| Legacies :- From the Executors of the | | _ | | 1169 | 0 | 2 | Gratuities to the late Matron and Pupils on | | | |
| late Thomas Hawker, of Bristol | | 199 | 4 3 | | | | leaving the Asylum | 35 | 10 | 0 |
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| L. Levy, Esq | | 10 | 0 0 | 1310 | 18 | 0 | Chapel Account : 50 0 | 0 | | |
| Board of Pupils from their Friends or | | | | 1010 | 10 | ٠ | Stipend to Chaplain to June, 2015 | 11 | | |
| Parishes | | | | 363 | 8 1 | 10 | Balance of Seat Rents 3 0 | 0 | | |
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Examined and found correct,

WM. JORDAN, Auditor. CURTIS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants.



THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

J. Chetwood Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account Carrent with the Rev. Educh. Kempe's Trust Fond,

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Examined and found correct.

WM. JORDAN, Auditor. CURTIS, JENKINS, & Co., Accountants.

Bristol, 2nd April, 1877.

The number of Pupils in the Institution 31st December, 1876, was 28, namely, 14 Males and 14 Females.

NAMES OF THE MALE PUPILS.

Prosent

Date of

| Admission. | Age. | Parish. |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| *1826 James Murphy | 63 | Westbury-on-Trym. |
| *1828 Jonathan Jennings | 61 | Westerleigh. |
| *1843 Samuel Foster | 52 | Taunton. |
| *1850 Henry Russell | 50 | Bristol. |
| * ,, Henry Phillips | 40 | Bristol. |
| *1864 John James | 34 | Clifton. |
| * ,, Goorge Brown | 52 | Bristol. |
| * ,, John Richards | 35 | Bristol. |
| ,, Thomas Vincent | 25 | Evershot. |
| *1875 Alfred Hiscocks | 31 | Westbury. |
| *1876 Stephen White | 31 | Swindon. |
| * ,, Charles Byles | 28 C | harlton Marshall. |
| Those marked * ar | e not resident | in the House. |

| Date of Admission. | | | | resent Age. | Parish. | | | |
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| 1871 | Richard Morris | | | 18 | Crunwero. | | | |
| 1873 | Wm. Derrick | | | 14 | Clapton-in-Gordano. | | | |
| 33 | Wm. Clothier | | | 20 | Chew Magna. | | | |
| 32 | E. J. Holton | | | 15 | Oxford. | | | |
| " | Wm. Berriman | *** | | 16 | Breeon. | | | |
| 22 | John Stevens | | *** | 13 | Taunton. | | | |
| 1874 | Frederick Hamsh | aw | | 12 | Chelsea. | | | |
| " | Israel Lanc | | | 21 | Nailsea. | | | |
| 1875 | Charles Raymon | 1 | | 12 | Neath. | | | |
| ,, | Wm. Henry Eva | ns | *** | 10 | Cardiff. | | | |
| 1876 | Henry Williams | | | 10 | Coleford. | | | |
| 33 | James Pearce | | | 17 | Devizes. | | | |
| 27 | Charles Hill | | | 17 | Choltenham. | | | |
| | David P. Jenkin | S | ,,, | 14 | Bedwolty. | | | |

NAMES OF THE FEMALE PUPILS.

| Date of | | P | resent | |
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| Admission. | | | Ago. | Parish. |
| 1836 Elizabeth Davis | ••• | ••• | 64 | Cwmdoe, Breconshir |
| 1858 Ann Murray | | | 39 | Ardee, Ireland. |
| 1872 Margaret Phillip | ps | | 13 | Aberdare. |
| " Sarah A. Chiver | 'S | | 18 | Paulton. |
| 1873 Emma Stono | | | 22 | Weston. |
| ,, Martha Marcha | nt | | 22 | Trowbridge. |
| " Jane Fox … | | | 12 | Pontypool. |
| 1874 Sarah Hanks | *** | | 18 | Now Swindon. |
| " S. A. Nash | | | 13 | Nowport. |
| 1875 Matilda Phillips | | | 18 | Usk. |
| " Ann Young | | | 19 | Comberton. |
| ,, Ellen Truman | *** | | 14 | Keynsham. |
| ,, Rhoda Dimery | *** | | 13 | Berkeley. |
| 1876 Hannah Davios | *** | | _ | Morthyr. |
| ,, Emma Prothero | •1• | *** | - | Merthyr. |
| " Rachel Crook | | | 24 | Newbold Parey. |

SEVENTEEN PUPILS HAVE LEFT THE ASYLUM DURING THE PAST YEAR,

- 1. John Wm. Shattock, of Taunton, admitted 18th June, 1868, dismissed 21st February, 1876, for improper conduct.
- 2. John Dudley, of Woolstaston, admitted 1869, left 1876, in consequence of ill health.
- Charles Byles, of Charlton Marshall, admitted 1869, left 1876. He was a good workman and quite competent to get his living. The Committee gave him a gratuity of three pounds, and a set of baskot-maker's tools.
- 4. David Griffiths, of Margam, Neath, admitted 1869, left 1876. He was a good workman and competent to get his living. The Committee gave him a gratuity of three pounds, and a set of basket-maker's tools.
- 5. H. A. Allen, of Yeovil, admitted in 1874, left 1876, in consequence of ill health.
- 6. Joseph Lane, Forest of Dean, admitted 1875, loft 1876, not having capacity to learn a trade.
- 7. Richard II. Williams, admitted in 1875, left in 1876, not having capacity to learn a trade.
- 8. Henry Burrows, of Basingstoke, admitted 1876, removed in 1876, by order of Dr. Prichard.
- Catherino Williams, of Stapleton Workhouse, admitted 1876, left 1876, by order of the Committee.
- 10. Carolino Acres, admitted in April, 1876, left in October, 1876. Her sight having so much improved during her residence in the Asylum sho was not a fit object for the Asylum.
- 11. Harriet Haynes, of Kidderminster, admitted 1869, left 1876. The Committee gave her a gratuity of two pounds, and a set of knitting needles.
- 12. Eleanor Smith, of Merthyr, admitted 1869, left 1876, not being willing to attend to the duties of the house.

- 13. Bridget Williams, of Aberdare, admitted 1869, left 1876, The Committee gave her a gratuity of £2 10s., and a set of basket tools.
- 14. Mary Ann Shannessy, of Pembroke, admitted 1871, left in 1876, by the request of her friends.
- 15. Alice Curtis, of Farringdon, admitted in 1872, removed by her father in 1876.
- 16. Deborah Bartlett, of Fairford, admitted in 1875, left 1876, having no capacity to learn anything.
- 17. Ann Murry, of Ardee, Ireland, admitted in 1858, and appointed teacher of basket-making 1876.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

The manner of applying for Admission, and the engagements to be entered into by the Friends of the Punils.

Any person desirous of applying for the Admission of a Pupil may have printed Papers of Questions and Engagements at the Asylum in the following form, to which answers in writing are required, attested as therein specified; and the Paper when properly filled up, must be sent (post-paid) to the Secretary at the Asylum, near Park Street, Bristol, in order to its heing laid before the Committee. It is required that the parish or friends of the Pupils shall contribute a weekly allowance towards his or her maintenance; and if the parish or friends he at a distance from Bristol, then some respectable honsekeeper in Bristol must become responsible for the regular payment of the sum stipulated.

QUESTIONS.

I.

What is the name, age, parish, present residence, occupation, and maintenance of the applicant?

Is the applicant married, and has any and what family?

Has the applicant received parochial or other relief, or the family on the applicant's behalf, and to what amount?

Where do the parents or immediate friends of applicant reside, and what is the number of their children, their character, and circumstances?

Does the applicant bear a good character for morality, decency, and sobriety?

V1.

How long has the applicant been a resident in the parish of

VII.

Has the applicant ever wandered about as a beggar, or played upon a musical instrument in the streets or alchouses?

VIII.

In what manuer has the applicant been usually employed; ever attempted to do any kind of work, or had any moral or religious instruction?

willing to conform to and ohev the rules of the Institution ?

Will the parish to which the applicant belongs, or friends, engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings, in Bristol, towards support for seven years, or until such time as the Committee shall consider sufficiently instructed in some trade, and further engage to receive hack (if required), paying the expenses of removal of the said applicant whenever

discharged or dismissed from the Asylum, and also in case of IX.

Is it probable that the parents or friends of the applicant, shall have left the Asylum, can provide the when nccessary materials for future employment?

The Answers to the preceding Questions must be certified by the Minister, Churchwardens or Overseers, where the applicant resides.

Signature

Parish.

death to defray the expenses of the funeral?

Minister of

Churchwardens or Overseers.

Questions to be answered by a Physician or Surgeon :-

Is the applicant totally blind, partially blind, or able to distinguish light from darkness?

XIII.

What is the nature and supposed cause of blindness?

XIV.

ls the applicant possessed of sufficient intellect and bodily strength to receive instruction?

XV.

Has the applicant had the measles, small pox, scarlet fever, or heen vaccinated?

XVI.

Is the applicant free from epileptic or other fits, and from all disorders that may be prejudicial to those already in the Asylum?

Signature.
Qualification.
Residence.

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT,

To be properly filled up and signed before this Paper is sent to the Secretary.

We, the undersigned,

and

of the parish of do hereby engage to pay half-yearly, in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings to the Secretary of "The Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind," by the hands of Street, Bristol, for the Mr. of term of seven years, or until such time as the Committee sufficiently instructed in some trade, and shall consider to contribute towards supplying with proper clothing; and do hereby also engage to take back whenever shall be discharged from the same, cither on account of having heen sufficiently instructed, or on account of misconduct, or any cause whatever; in all cases to pay the expenses of the removal, and in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral.

Dated this day of

Signed,
"Ordered that the friends or parents of candidates for admission he informed that in all cases it will be necessary that the candidates should attend at the Asylum hefore Ten o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of being examined by the Physician or Surgeon.

"Every Pupil admitted shall he considered probationary for a period of three months, in order to ascertain the capability or improvement, as well as the moral disposition, of

the Pupil."

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

- 1.—That they are required to come decently clothed, and with change of clothes.
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